

Appl. No. 10/562,611  
Amdt. dated August 30, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of 05/11/2007

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In the Office Action, the application was said to have claims directed to two species of invention. Applicants were required to elect one of the species and to list the claims readable thereon.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of species <sup>to</sup> withdrawn to the push-button in the end side of the handle for prosecution at this time.

The following claims are readable on the elected species: claims 24-39, 43-45 and 47.

The remaining claims of species are to be withdrawn from prosecution, it being understood that these claims may be filed in divisional applications in the future.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on May 23, 2007 it was pointed out to the Examiner that the many portions of the specification and claims of the unreadable print was due to the scanning in the USPTO and that the Examiner would get a new scan within the USPTO.

Also enclosed is a newly executed Declaration meeting 37 CFR 1.67(a).

This election is believed to place this case in condition for examination, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide an action on the merits.

The Examiner has also requested improved and/or additional drawing Figures which would facilitate a showing of the structure of the invention, particularly the latching means. It is noted that the drawing Figures were acceptable to the PCT receiving Office, and that all of the operating components of the claimed invention are identified in the drawing figures. Therefore, under the provision of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, it appears that these Figures must be acceptable to the US Patent and Trademark Office.

It is requested, respectfully, that the Examiner reconsider whether the drawing Figures meet the requirements of the USPTO pursuant to the PCT.

Nevertheless, the applicant is being instructed in a possible manner of clarification of the drawing, possibly by showing enlarged views of the latching elements in a latched position and in an unlatched position, thereby to facilitate a reading of the drawing sheets. It is believed that such amendment would facilitate examination of this application, particularly in view of the subject matter portrayed in the patents cited in the first two pages of the present specification.

In the event there are any further issues outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney for applicant at the below listed telephone number.


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the accompanying Response to Election/ Restrictions, executed Declaration are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope address to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 30, 2007.

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